Minerals since the last four decades in various parts of the country. Geological investigations were continued during the field season 1989-90 for Atomic Minerals.

(b) The Atomic Mineral occurences and deposits found through these surveys are in different stages of exploration and evaluation. Atomic Minerals deposits after evaluation by AMD are handed over for exploitation to Uranium Corporation of India Ltd. (UCIL) and Indian Rare Earths Ltd. (IREL); Public Sector Undertakings under the administrative control of the Department of Atomic Energy.

(c) The budget allocation for the three organisations from Government funds for the current financial year is as follows:—

1. Atomic Mineral Division	Rs. 23.72 crores
2. Indian Rare Earths Limited	NIL
3. Uranium Corporation of India Ltd.	Rs. 40 crores

Proposals from Cultural Organisations of West Bengal for Grants

3083. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposals from the various Cultural Institutions/Organisations and related bodies in West Bengal for grant of financial assistance;

(b) whether some of those proposals have been recommended by the West Bengal Government and other authorities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the present stage of consideration by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Concession to help army deserters after Operation Blue Star

3084. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had announced a series of concessions in June this year to help the army deserters who had left their barracks in the wake of Operation Blue Star in 1984; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) and (b) A package of conceessions was recently announced to help the Army personnel who had deserted in the wake of Operation Blue Star in 1984.

2. The Ministry of Home Affairs, who deal with the matter, have advised that:

(i) The names of 347 post-Blue Star Army deserters, who needed

to be rehabilitated, were forwarded to the following organisations:—

Central Industrial Security Force	51
Railways	46
Postal Department	44
Telecom Department	46
Food Corporation of India	100
Central Warehousing Corpn.	25
Public Enterprises Department (For Public Sector Units)	35
TOTAL:	347

(ii) All the aforesaid organisations have issued call letters to the concerned persons and 288 persons have since been selected. Appointment letters have been issued to 161 persons and 69 of them have already joined.

(iii) Orders have been issued for the grant of ex-gratia assistance of Rs. 10,000/- to one dependent of each of the 71 Army deserters who were killed/missing and a sum of Rs. 7,10,000/- has been sanctioned to the Government of Punjab for disbursement to the concerned persons.

(iv) After granting remissions in their sentences, orders for the release of 13 more persons, who were undergoing imprisonment were issued on 28th June, 1990, by the Army authorities.

(v) The Government of Punjab have indicated that they would provide employment to one dependent each of the 71 Army deserters killed/missing.

Purchase of white printing paper from open market by Andhra Pradesh Government

3085. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh Government had purchased white printing paper from open market for Schools text books, exercise note books, examinations etc. due to short supply of paper by M/s. Hindustan Paper Corporation Ltd.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the loss suffered during the last two years;

(d) what is the difference between the rate of HPC and Open Market;

(e) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to cover that amount from HPC and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether Government propose to invite any other Company for supply of papers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) to (c)